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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7781.0013-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Stefan HACK et al.) Group Art Unit: 3623
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Application No.: 09/987,356) Examiner: Catherine M. Colon
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Filed: November 14, 2001)
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For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION) Confirmation No.: 6942
SYSTEM AND METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed approximately four years ago. Applicants have not yet received an Office Action for this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 14, 2005

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